



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the Idaho Gem Jesters has been selected as the Northwest Regional Festival of Clowns event host, October 3 through 6, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Gem Jesters sponsor a volunteer hospital health care clown program, which offers extensive training designed to meet the needs of hospitalized patients, their families, and hospital staff; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in full time hospital clowning programs at Saint Lukes Regional Medical Center and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center for the past two years, as well as clowns throughout the region visiting nursing homes and other care facilities to bring positive and uplifting moments to the lives of many members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Gem Jesters in the past years have contributed hundreds of hours in volunteer time at area hospitals, senior care facilities, many various government agencies, community organizations, and non-profit fundraisers including the Make a Wish Foundation, the American Heart Association, Central District Health, and area fire and police department function; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Gem Jesters provide laughter and hope for those who need it most and for that they are to be commended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2002, to be

IDAHO GEM JESTER'S DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pete T. Cenarrusa".

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE